

Amendments to the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

Claims 1-20 have been canceled.

21. (currently amended) A method of providing status information of a user to a requestor comprising:

storing information about a plurality of communication devices associated with the user, ~~wherein at least two of the communication devices belong to different types of networks~~ wherein at least two of the plurality of communication devices are each associated with different respective networks in the multi-networked environment;

querying one or more of the networks in a multi-networked environment for status information about the plurality of communication devices associated with the user;

receiving status information regarding ~~the at least two of the~~ communication devices from the respective networks;

selecting one of ~~the at least two of the~~ communication devices based on the status information; and

providing the requestor with an identification of the selected communication device to which the user can most likely be reached.

22. (currently amended) A method of providing an alternative communication path to a user comprising:

storing information about a plurality of communication devices associated with the user, ~~wherein at least two of the communication devices belong to different types of networks~~ wherein at least two of the plurality of communication devices are each associated with different respective networks in the multi-networked environment;

querying one or more of the networks in a multi-networked environment for status information about the plurality of communication devices associated with the user;

receiving status information regarding ~~the at least two of the~~ communication devices from respective networks;

receiving a request for an alternative communication path to the user;

selecting one of the communication devices of the user for the alternative communication path based on the status information; and

directing the request for an alternative communication path to the network to which the selected communication device belongs, thereby enabling the network to establish a communication path to the selected communication device.

23. (canceled)

24. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the status information includes activity information of the communication devices.

25. (original) The method of claim 22 wherein the status information includes presence information of the communication device.

26. (canceled)

27. (original) The method of claim 22 further comprising evaluating user preference information associated with the communication devices in selecting the communication device for the alternative communication path.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 22 further comprising updating the stored status information regularly.

30. (pending) The method of claim 22, wherein the communication devices include at least two of a telephone, cellular phone, personal computer and set-top box.

31. (pending) The method of claim 22, wherein the different types of networks are at least two of an Internet, a telephone network, a cellular phone network and a video network.

32. (currently amended) A method of providing an alternative communication path to a user comprising:

storing information about a plurality of communication devices associated with the user, ~~wherein at least two of the plurality of communication devices belong to different types of networks~~ wherein at least two of the plurality of communication devices are each associated with different respective networks in the multi-networked environment;

querying one or more of the networks in the multi-networked environment for status information which indicates whether the plurality of communication devices are currently on-line and when they were last active;

~~querying the different types of networks for status information of the at least two of the plurality of communication devices, wherein the status information includes presence information and activity information and which indicates whether the at least two of the plurality of communication devices are currently on-line and when they were last active;~~

receiving the status information regarding the ~~at least two of the plurality of~~ communication devices from respective networks;

receiving a request from ~~one of the different types of networks~~ for an alternative communication path to the user; ~~for a call that the one of the different types of networks was unable to complete due to the user's absence;~~

evaluating the received status information to determine the communication device at which the user can likely be reached;

selecting the communication device at which the user can likely be reached as the alternative communication path; and

redirecting the call to the network to which the selected communication device belongs, thereby enabling a the alternative communication path to be established to the user's selected communication device.

33. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the storing is performed through an Internet portal site by providing the user with a predetermined registration procedure to enroll in the service of the method.

34. (newly presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the receiving a request for an alternative communication path occurs because a call to one of the communication devices was unable to be completed.

35. (newly presented) In a multi-networked environment, a method of determining a communication device at which a user can likely be reached, the method comprising:

querying different types of networks in the multi-networked environment for status information, wherein the status information pertains to at least two of the communication devices of a plurality of communication devices, and wherein each of the at least two communication devices is associated with a different network in the multi-networked environment, respectively;

receiving the status information of each of the communication devices from the different types of networks;

selecting one of the communication devices based on the received status information.

36. (newly presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the status information includes activity information associated with the communication devices.

37. (newly presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the status information includes presence information associated with the communication devices.

38. (newly presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the communication devices include at least two of a telephone, cellular phone, personal computer and set-top box.
39. (newly presented) The method of claim 35, wherein a first one of the different types of networks is an Internet, a telephone network, a cellular phone network, or a video network; and
wherein a second one of the different types of networks is a different type of network than the first one and is an Internet, a telephone network, a cellular phone network, or a video network.
40. (newly presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the steps of querying, receiving, and selecting occur within an information system configured to communicate with the different types of networks in the multi-networked environment.
41. (newly presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the steps of querying, receiving, and selecting occur within an information system configured to communicate with the different types of networks in the multi-networked environment; and
wherein the information system is a unified presence information system.